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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 A	1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>24 August 2007</u> .					
3) Since this application is in condition for allowa	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims						
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-7.9-12 and 14-21</u> is/are pending in the application.						
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-7, 9-12, and 14-21</u> is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.						
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9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.						
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11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
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 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. 						
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This office action is in response to amendment filed on 08/24/07. The amendment filed on 08/24/07 have been entered and made of record. Therefore, presently pending claims are 1-7, 9-12, and 14-21.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 08/24/07 with respect to amended claims 1, 11, 14, and 21 have been fully considered and are found persuasive. However a new reference has been introduced to discuss the newly amended subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 10, 14, 18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki (5,390,252) in view of Brody (6,278,697 B1) and further in view of Loy et al (2005/0129065 A1).

In reference to claims 1 and 14, Suzuki discloses a system and method of establishing secure communications in a multi-mode portable communication device, comprising the steps of: establishing a symmetric traffic key between the multi-mode portable communication device and

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a second portable communication device in a first mode of communication (Fig. 3); switching to at least a second mode of communication (column 5 lines 38-45); and following the switch sharing the symmetric traffic key between the multi-mode portable communication device and the second portable communication device (column 5 line 60 to column 6 line 12).

Although Suzuki discloses the change of mode during communications, Suzuki does not expressly disclose the first mode of communication in a first communication network and protocol and the second mode of communication in a different communication network and protocol.

Brody discloses a system that supports a first communication protocol and switching to a second mode of communication in a different communication network that supports a different communication protocol (Fig. 11).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to change protocols for a different network as in Brody in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the system will allow for conversion of telecommunication protocols in a manner that permits communication between devices that utilize different protocols and reduces communication overhead over the PSTN (Brody column 2 lines 25-30).

Although Brody discloses a system that switches to a second mode and protocol, Brody does not disclose a system wherein the multi-mode device and the second multi-mode device communicate with one another using the first communication protocol over the first communication network and using the different communication protocol over the different communication network.

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Loy discloses a system that switches to a second mode and protocol, Brody does not disclose a system wherein the multi-mode device and the second multi-mode device communicate with one another using the first communication protocol over the first communication network and using the different communication protocol over the different communication network (Fig 1 and 3).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to provide a system with multiple network protocol support as in the system of Loy in the system of Brody. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the system would provide flexibility to avoid hardware redesign and therefore should be cost effective (Loy page 1 paragraphs 0001 and 0002).

In reference to claim and 18, Suzuki discloses a system wherein the step of storing a predetermined number of symmetric traffic keys in a cache memory associated with a predetermined number of other portable communication devices in recent communication with the multi-mode portable communication device (column 7 lines 31-37).

In reference to claims 10 and 20, Suzuki establishes a key exchange with a plurality of other predetermine portable communication devices during a background mode (Fig. 16).

Wherein mode 1 corresponds to the idle mode.

In reference to claim 6, Suzuki does not disclose a system wherein the step of switching to the second mode from the first mode comprises switching among modes comprising CDMA, TDMA, GSM, and WLAN.

Brody discloses a system wherein the step of switching to the second mode from the first mode comprises switching among modes comprising CDMA, TDMA, GSM, and WLAN

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(column 12 lines 9-21).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to change protocols for a different network as in Brody in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the system will allow for conversion of telecommunication protocols in a manner that permits communication between devices that utilize different protocols and reduces communication overhead over the PSTN (column 2 lines 25-30).

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Brody and Loy and further in view of Whelan et al (6,965,674 B2).

In reference to claim 7, Suzuki discloses a system and method wherein the step of storing the symmetric traffic key in a phonebook record associated with the second portable communication device (column 7 lines 31-37).

Whelan discloses a system wherein the traffic key is stored in a recent call list that reflects recent communication between the portable communication device and a second portable communication device (column 5 lines 30-33; column 10 lines 19-42; Fig. 4)

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to store the traffic key in a recent call list as in the system if Whelan in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because it would make it impractical for a hacker to gather sufficient network traffic using any one WEP key to decrypt that key (Whelan column 7 lines 54-65).

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Claims 2-3, 9, 11-12, 15, 19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Brody and Loy and further in view of Schneier.

In reference to claims 2 and 15, Although Suzuki discloses encrypting the communication between the mobile portable station and the current base station (device that communicates with the portable station), Suzuki does not expressly disclose a system that uses Automatic Public Key Exchange techniques.

Schneier teaches using the public key exchange system using private keys along with a public key of a peer unit before commencing secure communications (page 48).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the public and private keys to perform the key exchange as in Schneier in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because it would make key-exchange easier.

In reference to claim 3, although Suzuki discloses encrypting the communication between the mobile portable station and the current base station (device that communicates with the portable station), Suzuki does not expressly disclose a system that uses Automatic Public Key Exchange is implemented using public-key algorithms such as Diffie-Hellman cryptography or Elliptic Curve Cryptography.

Schneier discloses a system that uses public-key algorithms for Public Key Exchange techniques (page 48 paragraph 2).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the public and private keys to perform the key exchange as in Schneier in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this

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because it would make key-exchange easier.

In reference to claims 9 and 19, Suzuki discloses a system wherein the step of establishing a new communication session between the multi-mode portable communication device and the second portable communication device without requiring a new key establishment process (column 3 lines 30-40).

However, Suzuki does not expressly disclose a system that uses Automatic Public Key Exchange techniques.

Schneier teaches using the public key exchange system using private keys along with a public key of a peer unit before commencing secure communications (page 48).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the public and private keys to perform the key exchange as in Schneier in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because it would make key-exchange easier.

In reference to claims 11 and 21, Suzuki discloses a method and system of establishing secure communications among a plurality of portable communication devices, comprising the steps of: storing information associated with a predetermined number of other portable communication devices (column 7 lines 31-37); establishing a symmetric traffic key between a first portable communication device and the predetermined number of other portable communication devices during an idle mode of the first portable communication device (column 5 line 60 to column 6 line 12), wherein the idle mode corresponds to the mode 1 because at this mode no information is being transferred, but the system is ready therefore making this an idle mode; and establishing a secure communication session in a first type of communication

between the first portable communication and at least one among the predetermined number of other portable (Fig 16); switching to at least a second type of communication (column 5 lines 38-45); and following the switch, sharing the symmetric traffic key between the multi-mode portable communication device and the second portable communication device (column 5 line 60 to column 6 line 12, abstract).

Although Suzuki discloses encrypting the communication between the mobile portable station and the current base station (device that communicates with the portable station), Suzuki does not expressly disclose a system that uses Automatic Public Key Exchange is implemented using public-key algorithms such as Diffie-Hellman cryptography or Elliptic Curve Cryptography.

Schneier discloses a system that uses public-key algorithms for Public Key Exchange techniques (page 48 paragraph 2).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the public and private keys to perform the key exchange as in Schneier in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because it would make key-exchange easier.

Although Suzuki does disclose the change of mode during communications, Suzuki does not expressly disclose the first mode of communication in a first communication network and the second mode of communication in a different communication network.

Brody discloses a system that transmits in one mode to one communication device, and therefore one network, and switches protocols to the second communication device, and therefore another network (Fig. 13 part 368). Brody teaches further the first communication

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network supports a first communication protocol and that a second communication protocol is different from the first communication protocol (Fig. 13 parts 368 and 364).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to change protocols for a different network as in Brody in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the system will allow for conversion of telecommunication protocols in a manner that permits communication between devices that utilize different protocols and reduces communication overhead over the PSTN (Brody column 2 lines 25-30).

In reference to claim 12, Suzuki discloses a system wherein the step of establishing a symmetric traffic key comprises contacting the predetermined number of other portable communication devices to determine if their respective keys have expired and performing a background exchange to re-establish a fresh key if the respective key has expired (column 6 lines 55-65).

Claims 4-5 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki, Brody, Loy, and Schneier as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of the article by L-3 Communications.

In reference to claims 4 and 16, although Suzuki discloses encrypting the communication between the mobile portable station and the current base station (device that communicates with the portable station), Suzuki does not expressly disclose a system that uses Automatic Public Key Exchange techniques. Suzuki does not expressly disclose a system wherein the Automatic Public Key exchange is implement by combining public-key algorithms with a signaling scheme

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such as Future Narrow Band Digital Terminal protocol.

L-3 discloses a terminal that implements the Future Narrow Digital standard and therefore protocol. The protocol includes key management and therefore key exchange (page 1).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the future narrow band with digital terminal protocol as disclosed by L-3 in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because Future Narrow Band Digital Terminal Protocol does not tie one down to a specific network, but instead assures operation over a variety of narrow band wide band (L-3 page 1).

In reference to claim 5, although Suzuki discloses the switching from one mode to the second mode (column 5 lines 38-55), Suzuki does not disclose the modes comprising interconnect voice, dispatch voice, peer-to peer data, and peer to peer voice

L-3 teaches that FNDT standard defines several modes of operation.

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to implement several modes of operation disclosed by L-3 in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because vendors are permitted by the FNBDT to incorporate their own enhancements therefore products can meet a set of general requirements (L-3 page 1).

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Brody and Loy as applied to claim 14 above, and further in view of the L-3 communications.

In reference to claim 17, although Suzuki discloses the switching from one mode to the second mode of communication (column 5 lines 38-55), Suzuki does not disclose the modes comprising interconnect voice, dispatch voice, peer-to peer data, and peer to peer voice

L-3 teaches that FNDT standard defines several modes of operation.

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to implement several modes of operation disclosed by L-3 in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because vendors are permitted by the FNBDT to incorporate their own enhancements therefore products can meet a set of general requirements (L-3 page 1).

Suzuki does not disclose a system wherein the step of switching to the second mode from the first mode comprises switching among modes comprising CDMA, TDMA, GSM, and WLAN.

Suzuki does not disclose a system wherein the step of switching to the second mode from the first mode comprises switching among modes comprising CDMA, TDMA, GSM, and WLAN.

Brody discloses a system wherein the step of switching to the second mode from the first mode comprises switching among modes comprising CDMA, TDMA, GSM, and WLAN (column 12 lines 9-21).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to change protocols for a different network as in Brody in the system of Suzuki. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do this because the system will allow for conversion of telecommunication protocols in a manner that permits communication

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between devices that utilize different protocols and reduces communication overhead over the PSTN (column 2 lines 25-30).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paula W. Klimach whose telephone number is (571) 272-38544. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Thr 9:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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